



Report to the Legislature

Services to Persons with Disabilities who request to move from Residential Habilitation Centers to the Community under the US Supreme Court decision on Olmstead

Chapter 7, Laws of 2001, E2, Section 205(1)(b)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chapter 7, Laws of 2001, E2, Section 205(1) requires the Department of Social and Health Services' Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) to report quarterly on the implementation of individuals moving from the Residential Habilitation Centers (RHCs) to the community. This report covers the quarter ending June 30, 2003. Sixty-one (61) moved by the end of the 2001-03 biennium.

BACKGROUND

In response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision on Olmstead v. L.C., the Washington State Legislature appropriated funds to the Division of Developmental Disabilities to provide community options for people living in the state RHCs. The legislature provided funding to move 80 people at a cost of no more than \$280 per day.

PROCESS

Through a process adopted by the division, each individual living in an RHC and their guardian or close relative(s), was asked whether they wanted to move to the community. In preparation for a budget request for the 2001-03 Biennium, an estimate was made as to the number of people who would choose to move and their approximate costs. The initial estimate was 90 individuals at an average cost of \$343 per day. As people were individually interviewed, this number decreased to 80. Part way into the biennium, as the process of asking people about moving continued, people often changed their minds and so the numbers continued to change. Some individuals took themselves off of the move list and some added their names to the move list. The outcome of these changes was that at the time of the last report 54 people were expressing a desire to move. This was a reduction from the 80 anticipated earlier. During this last quarter people continued to change their minds up to the very end of the biennium. Towards the end of the biennium more people started expressing a desire to move so that by the end of the biennium 61 people had moved with a number of people still desiring to move.

STATUS

During the quarter ending June 30, 2003 seventeen (17) individuals moved from the RHCs bringing the total to date for the biennium to 61 persons. The average daily cost for the individuals moving is \$281.60 per day.

At times during the biennium the division fell behind in moving the numbers of people estimated to move at a given point in time. The division fell behind in the schedule for several reasons: (1) finding affordable, accessible housing has proven difficult; (2) developing services that remain within available funding for people who have a high level of challenging support needs has proven difficult; and (3) finding two or more compatible roommates to share living quarters in order to reduce costs takes time, coordination, and increased effort. Some individuals chose to visit more than one residential option and chose personal agents to help them plan for their respective community supports. These processes are intensive and take more time than originally planned but result in satisfied consumer placements. RHC Olmstead coordinators are working with resource managers in each region where an identified person wanted to move in order to find appropriate housing and roommates. Coordinators/resource managers worked with families and the individual when options were not available in their ideal choice of locations. Most often people wanted to move near their family and friends and this takes more time for the coordinators.

We believe that people have changed their minds about moving for different reasons, but one prominent reason mentioned is the uncertainty raised by the state of the economy. Families believe that state-run institutions will remain but fear that community services may not always be available. Rainier School has the greatest number of people interested in moving so an additional case manager has been assigned to Rainier School to facilitate placements. RHC and Regional Olmstead Coordinators continue to work together to find appropriate placements for those people desiring to move.

NEXT STEPS

The Division of Developmental Disabilities will continue the process of asking each individual living in an RHC and their representatives whether they are interested in moving to the community for services at the time of their Individual Habilitation Plan (IHP) meeting.

CONTINGENCY

RHC cottages closed as people moved into the community creating vacancies. Cottage closures and staff reductions depended on the movement of people from the RHCs into the community. Sixty-one people moved instead of the planned 80. Fircrest was able to close 2 of 3 cottages planned. The second cottage closure was delayed until June. Rainier was a few months late in closing its third cottage but now has closed the fourth cottage ahead of schedule. Yakima Valley closed the second half-cottage a few days ahead of schedule. As fewer people are moving from the RHCs, a cottage will not close, and consolidation and closure of other cottages was delayed. Because of this savings through Olmstead will be less than anticipated, as fewer staff will be reduced.

Olmstead Monitoring

	Initials of Person	Previous Residence	Region Moved To	Residential Start Date	Residential Daily Rate	Day Program Daily Rate	Therapies Daily Rate	Other Daily Rate	Total Daily Expenditure
1	DS	Fircrest	Region 4	11/1/2001	277.48	23.89	7.24	3.29	311.90
2	DG	Rainier	Region 6	11/30/2001	355.00	55.00	5.00	20.96	435.96
3	DH	Rainier	Region 4	12/3/2001	259.86	23.89	14.79	6.58	305.12
4	CH	Fircrest	Region 4	12/5/2001	263.20	23.89	9.92		297.01
5	VK	FHMC	Region 4	12/3/2001	263.20	23.89	8.12		295.21
6	BG	FHMC	Region 4	12/3/2001	263.20	23.89	8.12		295.21
7	BH	Yakima	Region 5	12/12/2001	260.00	20.00			280.00
8	DL	Lakeland	Region 1	1/11/2002	360.01	16.2	10.00	5.00	391.21
9	SM	Rainier	Region 4	1/28/2002	263.20	23.89	8.12		295.21
10	RV	Rainier	Region 5	2/28/2002	248.15	20.00	10.00	10.00	288.15
11	BH	Rainier	Region 5	2/28/2002	248.15	20.00	10.00	10.00	288.15
12	GH	Rainier	Region 4	3/2/2002	295.38	23.89	11.51		330.78
13	EF	Rainier	Region 2	3/25/2002	307.61			10.91	318.52
14	TC	Rainier	Region 4	4/1/2002	279.28	23.89	1.21		304.38
15	RG	Rainier	Region 5	4/29/2002	262.16	20.00	15.01		297.17
16	EE	Fircrest	Region 4	5/14/2002	259.20	23.89	4.93		288.02
17	AS	Fircrest	Region 4	5/21/2002		23.89	1.21		25.10
18	MR	Fircrest	Region 3	5/22/2002	121.01	23.89	10.00		154.90
19	LL	Rainier	Region 3	6/11/2002	293.17	23.89	10.00		327.06
20	TS	Rainier	Region 6	6/20/2002	277.26				277.26
21	RS	Rainier	Region 6	7/8/2002	277.26				277.26
22	JL	Fircrest	Region 3	7/12/2002	98.62	23.89	10.00	20.00	152.51
23	WD	Rainier	Region 4	7/22/2002	257.08	23.89			280.97
24	PB	Rainier	Region 5	7/29/2002	238.00	20.00	9.87	9.87	277.74
25	DA	Rainier	Region 5	7/29/2002	238.00	20.00	9.87	9.87	277.74
26	DW	Rainier	Region 4	8/17/2002	328.04	23.89	1.97		353.90
27	SS	Rainier	Region 4	9/3/2002	250.94	23.89	2.50	1.64	278.97
28	YE	Rainier	Region 4	9/4/2002	245.25		8.22	6.54	260.01
29	TJ	Rainier	Region 4	9/18/2002	256.14	23.89			280.03
30	RH	Fircrest	Region 4	9/23/2002	286.16	23.89	2.85		312.90
31	DA	Rainier	Region 4	9/27/2002	201.35	23.89	1.06		226.30
32	TG	Rainier	Region 4	10/17/2002	258.69	23.89			282.58
33	JH	Rainier	Region 5	10/30/2002	224.01	20.00			244.01
34	EB	Fircrest	Region 4	11/13/2002	254.60	23.89	1.64	1.06	281.19
35	AE	Rainier	Region 4	11/27/2002	254.38	23.89	1.10		279.37
36	AL	Fircrest	Region 4	12/6/2002	265.27	23.89	1.21		290.37
37	AC	Fircrest	Region 6	12/10/2002	280.00		1.06		281.06
38	NW	Fircrest	Region 4	12/20/2002	256.14	23.89			280.03
39	DY	Rainier	Region 5	1/30/2003	262.9	22.00			284.90
40	DC	Rainier	Region 6	2/5/2003	245.00	30.00	5.00		280.00
41	MJ	Rainier	Region 5	2/6/2003	230.00	20.01	20.01	6.58	276.60
42	MS	Rainier	Region 5	2/6/2003	230.00	20.01	20.01	6.58	276.60
43	RM	YVS	Region 2	2/28/2003	230.12	24.02			254.14
44	JP	Fircrest	Region 3	3/17/2003	282.44	23.89	3.19		309.52
45	WT	Rainier	Region 4	4/1/2003	225.81	23.89	17.11		266.81
46	GS	Rainier	Region 4	5/12/2003	255.99	23.89			279.88
47	PP	Rainier	Region 4	5/20/2003	255.85	23.89			279.74
48	SL	Rainier	Region 5	5/20/2003	250.00	20.00	8.00	2.00	280.00

49	MLE	Rainier	Region 5	5/20/2003	250.00	20.00	3.00	7.00	280.00
50	DB	Fircrest	Region 4	5/29/2003	248.08	23.89		1.06	273.03
51	DF	Fircrest	Region 4	6/1/2003	271.21	23.89			295.10
52	JN	Rainier	Region 5	6/9/2003	255.96	20.00			275.96
53	MD	Rainier	Region 4	6/16/2003	254.96	23.89		1.06	279.91
54	IW	Rainier	Region 4	6/16/2003	256.11	23.89			280.00
55	CL	Rainier	Region 4	6/20/2003	251.66	23.89	2.97	1.06	279.58
56	CMG	Rainier	Region 4	6/20/2003	251.66	23.89	2.97		278.52
57	MP	Rainier	Region 6	6/23/2003	259.28	20.00	1.15		280.43
58	JJ	Rainier	Region 5	6/24/2003	250.00	20.00	7.00		277.00
59	RK	Rainier	Region 4	6/26/2003	249.02	23.89		1.06	273.97
60	NP	FHMC	Region 4	6/30/2003	262.59	23.89		1.06	287.54
61	MPM	Fircrest	Region 4	6/30/2003	304.16			1.06	305.22

Average Daily Expenditure
1-Jul-03

281.60